

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. It opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

Greg Ware, Chair Lynda Gonzalez Adrian McDaniel

ABSENT

Jacqueline Cox Eric Scott Betty Gosney, Vice Chair

Approval of Minutes

An addition to the April minutes will be made to include Council Member Lynda Gonzalez' comments regarding her feelings on the Colton Joint Unified School District. She stated that she would like to see more movement at Bloomington High due to the overcrowding of the high school. She is also dissatisfied that CJUSD has not built an entire new school that is much needed in Bloomington. With these additions, the approval of the April minutes will be postponed to the June meeting due to lack of quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dan Flores announced that the Bloomington Tourism Grant Application Period is now open. The applications are available through the website and those who applied in the past should have received an email with the application. There are 4 weeks to get them turned in.
- b. Dan Flores announced that the property is where the former El Rivino Country Club is and has been annexed to the City of Rialto and sold to an industrial developer. The proposed project is the Rialto Commerce Center. This project has been moving progressively and the planning commission has given the green light to move forward with it.

The next stage is approval by the City of Rialto. They are tentatively scheduled to meet on June 8th and this is when they will hold the public hearing. They are only required to provide the agenda 72 hrs prior to the meeting. He encouraged residents to leave their information so that updates can be sent to them. Some major concerns are commercial truck traffic in a residential area and that the land use compatibility. Mr. Flores recommended attending the Rialto City Council Meeting on the 8th. Chairman Ware stated that the MAC is the voice of the people to report to the Supervisor's Office. He is going to continue to be involved as the issue affects the community as well as him directly.

Council Member McDaniel read a letter he received from the developer. He feels they that they will find a way to do what they want to do regardless of what the people want.

Lynda Gonzalez stated that they have board meetings and they allow public comment and the communities concerns can be brought up as well as negative impacts that will affect the community. She invited everyone to attend the Board meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Sheriff's Dept. – Sergeant Finneran

Srgnt. Finneran reported that they have been working on a few investigations the past month. She also reported problems with transients one of them stabbed another one. She also

reported a robbery a couple of weeks ago at one of the local markets on Bloomington and Cedar Ave. They tied up the clerk that was working the business. They worked on the case and they have 4 suspects in custody and they were able to tie them to other robberies. They also had about \$30,000 of medal stolen. They have also been finding a lot of counterfeit money and they are coming in all denominations. They have also been getting a lot of insurance fraud cases and identity theft is on the rise, they feel primarily due to the economy. She stressed the importance of residents calling suspicious activity to them. Council Member Gonzalez asked about the Graffiti Tracker and if it has been working out for them. Srgnt. Finneran reported that it has been working very well and they got a couple of suspects in custody from the Graffiti Tracker.

B. CHP- Officer Steven Robinson

Officer Robinson reported that most of the traffic complaints he has received are around the schools. He usually will go out to a site every day for a week as enforcement and usually the problem subsides after he makes his presence and citations are issued. He is alternating between the Muscoy and Bloomington areas. One resident asked about photo enforcement at street lights. Officer Robinson stated that he has only seen it in cities. He also said that the cost is so high to run them that even cities have opted to not renew their contracts.

C. Kayos Kidz- Edgardo Navarro

Mr. Navarro announced that the Kayos Kidz will be holding their blood drive at Kessler Park with the Future Teachers Club on May 13th. They also will be having blue ribbon training on June 5th 11:30am-5:00pm. Finally, there is also a bike fair on June 13th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Edgardo also announced that he had not been attending the meetings because he is a senior and he will be graduating so he has been very busy but would like to recommend Andrew Holmes to take over his position as the Youth Member on the MAC. It will be put on the next agenda.

D. Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores announced that the Proactive Community Enhancement Program was adopted by the BOS on April 27th. CDBG funds will be allocated to Code Enforcement to hire 1.5 positions to work with the community. He thanked those that went out to speak in support of it. Mr. Flores also reported that Supervisor Gonzales asked staff to reach out to the residents through the MAC to identify priorities and community involvement. Next he announced that a traffic alert re: Riverside Ave./I-10 interchange project is available, he brought handouts. Finally he reported that there was a flooding incident at Oak St. and 10th St. West Valley Water District responded to repair a broken fire hydrant yesterday and will continue to clean up over the next several days. They made contact with the homeowners and connected them to the District's insurance representatives.

E. Special Districts- Tim Millington

Mr. Millington gave an update on the plan for parking lot expansion at Kessler Park. He stated that the plan calls for 2 new driveways and it will be an expansion from 40 spaces to 102 spaces.

ITEM S FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chairman Ware said the residents have been asking for an update on the Slover Ave. widening project and he is working on that. He also looked into having a presentation by CERT and

found someone in Orange County who runs a CERT program and he is going to go and get information on who is the contact person who can give specific information for Bloomington.

MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Adrian McDaniel reported that they are putting up a traffic light at 7th and Cedar and it is a good thing. He hopes that having the stop sign will help to slow down the speeders. There are a lot of accidents in that area.

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez thanked everyone for attending especially the new people. She stated that she lives by Slover Avenue and Tamarind by the big warehouses. She said that the City of Fontana never notified them and Supervisor Gonzales and Dan are really putting themselves out on a limb and she really appreciates them and how they are letting the residents know step by step about what is going on. She also reminded everyone to fill out the Census form.

Chair Ware stated that Supervisor Gonzales goes out on a limb to guide the residents and he feels that she really has the County and the residents needs in her heart. He also apologized for missing last month and he also announced that his son is graduating from college.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Geil

Pam announced that they are preparing for the bike and safety fair and they are looking for donations of bikes and helmets and volunteers to help the kids go through the courses. They are going to have free hot dogs and she would like to invite other groups to join them. CHP and the Sheriff will be involved and giving bike safety tips. It is tentatively scheduled for June 13th at the Bloomington Library from 10:00am to 2:00pm. She invited everyone to attend.

Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport announced reported that he spoke to the Director of Code Enforcement and he stated that they are going to identify unique properties that are larger and have problems with weed abatement to work with them. He will be meeting with her and he will inform the residents after he meets with her. how they will be addressing issues with them. He stated that it is important to know how to use safety equipment before you need it. Finally he reminded everyone to fill up their tea kettles with water and jugs of water and start drinking the perishable liquids like milk first. Also, have plenty of can goods.

Dave Jayne

He announced that this weekend at Kessler Park they have about 150-200 horse barrel racers. He feels he brings things to Bloomington but he would like to see people clean up their own areas. He said that if some of the residents neighbors are elderly or cannot clean up their property to contact him so that he can see what he can do to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

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